

Dear CT Public health Committee:

As the parent of a son with autism I am writing to support SB 292 in favor providing those with special needs continued Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

ABA is the only data-driven scientifically proven method for behavioral training for kids and adults with autism.

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ABA saved not just my child, but our whole family. Without Liam (our son) learning via the ABA methodology, and applying those principles every waking moment of his life, he would be a tantruming, screaming uncontrollable mess. And our family life — which includes 2 typical kids also — would be in stress-laden shambles.

Instead, Liam behaves in school, goes to the shopping malls, restaurants and recreation facilities all over Connecticut, and enjoys as close to a normal life as possible

The practitioners of ABA are the good-hearted, tireless and underpaid and under-appreciated professionals who work every day to make life “as close to normal as possible” for this population.

To even imagine that you might in any way alter or under fund them is to be willfully ignorant of ABA’s cutting edge yet humane approach to teaching training these kids in every area — school subjects and life skills alike.

Please consider this when making decisions regarding SB 292

Thank you.

Respectfully add sincerely.
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